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EXAMINING GROUP 1638

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In re application of:

BURGESS *et al.*

Application No.: 09/186,775

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Box AF, Art Unit 1638
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2000 for three (3) months, from August 18, 2000 to November 17, 2000. A Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$890.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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